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THE COLONY'S TELEPHONE SERVICE.

THE QUESTION OF A RENEWAL OF THE LICENSE.

The Annual Report of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce contains some correspondence on the subject of the local telephone service.

The following letters are included:—
China and Japan Telephone and Electric Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, 2nd May, 1931.

Dear Sir:—Referring to the writer's recent interview with you concerning the Telephone Company's application to Government for a revised license, we would take this opportunity of explaining the position of the Company.

The China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Ltd., operates the local telephone service under Government license granted in 1905. The Company was formed in 1903; it is closely related to the Oriental Telephone and Electric Co., Ltd., which operates the telephone service in India, Singapore and Mauritius.

Owing to the heavy initial expense of installing telephone plant and of buying or erecting suitable buildings, it is the rule that telephone companies make no profit during the first years of their existence. This Company paid its first dividend (5 per cent.) in 1907 after 21 years working. The dividend of 5 per cent. was maintained each year until 1913 when the dividend was increased to 10 per cent. The higher dividend was declared each year until 1919; the result of the working of 1920 is not yet to hand, but practically no profit was made owing to the adverse state of exchange and it is unlikely that a dividend will be declared in respect of that year.

We have now reached the point when we have to reconstruct the whole of the telephone plant to allow of further development. The present plant and buildings are working at their maximum capacity, and a new and larger plant is necessary before we can connect any more telephones. The Company's plant includes a new exchange equipment and building for Central Exchange, additional exchanges for the Western, Eastern and Park areas, additional cable ducts and underground cables and a new submarine cable, besides other costly reconstruction work. A large increase in the European staff, including expert lady telephonists to control the present staff, is also contemplated.

The above schemes entail reorganization of the Company and the employment of a much larger working capital. However, before the extra capital may be called up the Company's future has to be arranged satisfactorily. In March, 1920, Mr. G. Parker Ness, one of the Company's directors, visited the Colony and approached the Government on the subject of a revised license. During the negotiations it was suggested that the telephone service should be controlled locally, either by a local company or by the Government. Mr. Parker Ness expressed his readiness to negotiate a sale of the Company's assets, and he made an offer to sell on behalf of the Company. Thereupon the Government deputed Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews to draw up a report on the Company's affairs, which report is now, we understand, in your hands.

The present position of the Company amounts to this. The Company is quite prepared to continue to supply telephone service provided a revised license on satisfactory terms is granted, but failing this the Company would prefer to sell the business. Mr. Parker Ness applied to the Government in March, 1920, for a revised license covering a period of 50 years with a telephone subscription rate of \$154 per annum.

Regarding the period of 50 years, security of tenure and long tenure is fundamental to a good telephone service. The extent of the Company's plans, and the amount of the Capital to be employed in carrying out these plans, would depend on the period of the license. When investing money in a telephone business, shareholders seek a permanent investment. The subscription rate asked for in the revised license compares favourably with those charged in other cities in the world. The attached schedule shows the various rates for comparison. It might be considered more satisfactory if the message rate system of charging were introduced in Hongkong to take the place of the present fixed rate. The message rate system allows for a smaller fixed sum per annum for the apparatus installed (say \$84 per annum for a direct exchange line) and a charge for each call made (say \$0.05 for each local and \$0.07 for each Kowloon junction call). The message rate system is the one adopted in most cities throughout the world; it is recommended to the British Government for adoption by the Select Committee on Telephone Charges in their report submitted to Parliament in December, 1920.

The writer is of the opinion that the rate of \$154, asked for by Mr. Parker Ness, is not sufficiently high to warrant a return of 10 per cent. on the capital required to reconstruct the Company's plant, besides allowing for depreciation and reserve; a subscription rate of at least \$170 should be allowed. The average cost of telephone plant has increased by 204 per cent. over pre-war rates and local labour charges have increased by between 50-100 per cent. during the past five years. It would be a very great mistake if the Company were forced to abandon any part of the reconstruction scheme for fear of not receiving a fair return on the capital involved. The Company is anxious to give an efficient telephone service, and it is prepared to guarantee to do so provided the terms of the license are satisfactory.

In Singapore the Oriental Telephone and Electric Co., Ltd., had their license extended from 1920 to 1934. There are no restrictions as to the amount of the subscription rate. The Company has never at any time taken advantage of

their freedom to charge what they consider a fair rate; before the war a subscription rate of \$100 was charged. The present charges are \$140—\$180 per annum. It would be very satisfactory if the local Government were to place its trust in the Telephone Company and give us a free hand regarding telephone rates.

For the benefit of the Public in general, and the business section of the Public in particular, this matter should be finally settled with the least possible delay. As previously pointed out, the present plant is working at its full capacity, and we have a number of prospective subscribers waiting for service. The greater the delay in reaching a settlement the greater will be the delay in supplying service to the waiting subscribers.

We thank you for giving this matter sympathetic consideration, and we trust that, by your kind assistance, we shall be able to settle this most urgent and vital matter.—Yours, etc.,

For the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Co., Ltd.,
H. S. BENNETT,
Manager.

Hon. Mr. A. O. LANG,
Chairman,
Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 11th June, 1931.

Sir,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th of May, 1931, with regard to the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Ltd., and to request you to inform the Chamber that the Government is prepared to agree to the Company's license being renewed, subject to the following conditions:—

(a) The term not to exceed 25 years from the expiration of the present license.

(b) An increase in profit above a certain point to involve a reduction in the charge to the public.

2.—It was further decided to appoint a Committee to consider the subject and make detailed recommendations with regard to the further conditions on which a renewal of the license should be granted, and I am to request that the Chamber of Commerce will be good enough to nominate two or, if they wish, three members to serve on this Committee, along with the Colonial Treasurer, the Director of Public Works, and the Honourable Colonel C. W. Davy, C.M.G., R.E.

3.—A copy of a letter to the Manager of the Company is enclosed.—I am, etc.,

CLAUDE SEVERN,
Colonial Secretary.

The SECRETARY,
Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 11th June, 1931.

Sir,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th of May with regard to the renewal of the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company's license, and to inform you that this Government regards it as essential that the term for which a renewal may be granted should not exceed 25 years from the expiration of the present license, and that in future an increase in profits beyond a certain point should involve a reduction in the charge made to the public.

2.—A Committee is being appointed consisting of the Colonial Treasurer, the Director of Public Works, the Honourable Col. C. W. Davy, C.M.G., R.E., and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce to consider the matter in detail and make recommendations as to the conditions on which a renewal should be granted. The Company will, of course, be given full opportunities of putting their views before this Committee.—I am, etc.,

(Sgd.) CLAUDE SEVERN,
Colonial Secretary.

H. S. BENNETT, Esq.,
Manager.

China and Japan Telephone and Electric Co., Ltd., Hongkong.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 23rd June, 1931.

Sir,—With reference to my letter of the 11th of June regarding the renewal of the Telephone Company's license I am directed to enquire whether the Chamber is yet in a position to nominate members to serve on the suggested Committee. It is desirable that the questions at issue should be settled with as little delay as possible.

2.—I am also to request that the copy of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews' report sent to you on the 5th of April may be shown to the Manager of the Telephone Company, Mr. H. S. Bennett.—I am, etc.,

CLAUDE SEVERN,
Colonial Secretary.

The SECRETARY,
Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce,
Hongkong, 25th June, 1931.

Sir,—I am instructed to acknowledge your letter of the 11th instant, stating that Government is prepared to agree to a renewal of the license granted to the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Co., Ltd., on conditions as set out in your letter under reply.

With reference to Government's decision to appoint a Committee to consider the conditions and make recommendations, I am instructed to put forward the names of Mr. G. M. Dodwell, of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Mr. A. H. Barlow of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and Mr. F. E. Marsh, of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., as this Chamber's nominees on the Committee, and if either of the first two mentioned gentlemen are unable to act, my Committee suggest Mr. A. B. Stewart, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.—I have, etc.,

E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,
Hongkong.

THE NEW TAXATION AT CANTON.

A LETTER TO THE BRITISH MINISTER.

The following letter on this subject addressed to H. E. the British Minister at Peking by the Chairman of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, on November 28th, 1931, is included in the correspondence published in the annual report of the Chamber:—

Sir,—I have the honour to bring to the notice of your Excellency the recent action of the present authorities in Canton in imposing taxes in violation of the treaties between China and the Foreign Powers.

The Chamber is informed that a tax at the rate of 20 per cent. *ad valorem* on all Wines and Tobacco retailed in Canton City with some exceptions in the matter of loose Tobacco Leaf, has been imposed. The duty is paid by means of stamps which the retailers have to purchase from the Government and affix on all packages sold by them. It is understood that the Government is to receive a commission amounting to 20 per cent. on the value of all stamps purchased by them, so that although consumption of Liquors and Tobacco may be reduced, the retailers' actual profits on sales are not so much affected. This does not apply to the wholesale foreign importers who are faced with a diminished consumption without any compensating profit. The tax is not a local one as notice has been given that it will be extended to other cities in Kwangtung and it has already been levied in Fatsan and Chan Chuen. It seems, therefore, that the Canton authorities intend to extend the tax to all provincial towns in the near future.

Very strong protests have been made to this Chamber by British interests who maintain, rightly as this Chamber considers, that the tax is irregular in its imposition and application, detrimental to trade, and a very dangerous precedent which the present Government in Canton is trying to set up.

(a) The tax, in its imposition, is wholly irregular, as the *de facto* Government in Canton has chosen to ignore existing treaties, which the Chinese Republic, when established, publicly announced would remain in force. In its relation to treaty ports it is submitted that Foreign Powers have invariably and successfully maintained that no duty, other than import duty, is to be paid on foreign goods imported into treaty ports. In its relation to provincial towns, Article 2 of the treaty of Tientsin, 1858, has been ignored inasmuch as this Article clearly stipulates that in the case of imports to a native market, on payment of transit duty, the goods will be exempted from all further inland charges whatsoever.

(b) The tax is unjust in its application, as it is unlikely that the Canton Government will succeed in enforcing the tax strictly, and irregular enforcement of the tax will have a disorganising effect on Tobacco and Wine Companies, and will tend to force respectable retailers to give up their business, as they will not be able to carry on profitably, paying a duty of 20 per cent. in competition with hawkers and other small retailers who will be willing to take the risk of selling unstamped goods.

(c) The tax is detrimental to trade, and especially to the trade of this Colony as a consumption tax of 20 per cent. must curtail the buying power of the Chinese.

(d) My Committee consider that a dangerous precedent has been set up, as if the present illegal taxes are allowed to remain without effective protest, it is possible that other and still more onerous taxes will follow.

It is realised that as the Canton Government is not recognised by the Foreign Powers and set up in open defiance of the Central Government, effective protest by the legitimate will be difficult to make, but it is felt that a protest should be placed on record with the recognised Government of China.—I have, etc.,

A. O. LANG,
Chairman.

H. E. Sir Beithy F. Abston, K.C.M.G., C.B.,
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, Peking.

AUSTRALIA'S TRADE COMMISSIONER TO CHINA.

MR. HUGHES' DEFENCE OF THE NEW APPOINTMENT.

The Prime Minister of Australia (Mr. Hughes) recently referred to criticism of the appointment of Mr. Sheaf as Trade Commissioner in China. "It appears from the most recent comments of Mr. Cohen what his objections are," he said. "According to Mr. Cohen, Mr. Sheaf should not have been appointed because he was not selected by the Chamber of Commerce. His long experience in the East, his unquestionable ability, his knowledge of trade, and particularly of trade in China and the East generally, are admitted, but Mr. Cohen still objects to him. The reason he gives—there is another, as I shall show—is that Mr. Sheaf was not appointed by the Chamber of Commerce. It is, perhaps, necessary to remind Mr. Cohen that Sheaf was appointed by the Conference of Premiers. The conference wanted the best man obtainable, and was satisfied, after personally interviewing Mr. Sheaf, that it had got him."

"It is doubtful whether any man in Australia is better suited to all the position, and it is most probable that if such a man were found he would be so closely identified with particular Australian firms that his appointment as Trade Commissioner would be calculated to evoke very bitter feeling. But, quite apart from all this, Mr. Cohen's objections to Mr. Sheaf's appointment would carry more weight if he had not himself applied for the post of Commissioner in China. As he has done so, however, it is impossible to regard his recent statements as disinterested efforts of a man who desires only the welfare of the Commonwealth."

INTIMATIONS

DANCES AT THE PRINCE PAVILION.

WITH the permission of the Government, AFTERNOON DANCES, from 5 to 7, will be held in the Pavilion, on MONDAY, the 24th and TUESDAY the 25th April.

Admission (not including refreshments) 50 cents for each date.
Tickets can be obtained at Moutries or at the door.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above named Company which is intended to incorporate forthwith is issuing a Prospectus dated the 18th day of April, 1932, a copy of which has been filed with the Registrar of Companies, inviting subscriptions at par for 40,000 Shares of \$10 each payable as to \$1 per Share on application, \$3 per Share on allotment, \$2 per Share on the 30th June, 1932 and \$5 per Share on subsequent demand. The subscription list is now open and will be CLOSED on the 25th April, 1932. Copies of the Prospectus can be inspected and forms of application can be obtained at the Office of the Company's General Manager, Messrs. SUWAX, TOY & CO., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong.

This Notice is not to be regarded as an invitation to the public to subscribe for Shares, and application will only be received on the footing of the full prospectus and in the form issued therewith.
Dated 20th April, 1932.
SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
St. George's Building, Hongkong. [884]

CHINESE GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS

CANTON-KOWLOON LINE.

(CHINESE SECTION).

WITH the approval of the Ministry of Communications, supplies of truck sleepers and bridge and crossing timbers are hereby invited to submit sealed tenders in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "TENDERS FOR SLEEPERS" and addressed to the Managing Director, Canton-Kowloon Railway, Chinese Section, Canton, to the Railway Head Office not later than 11 o'clock in the forenoon of TUESDAY, the 20th day of JUNE, 1932.

Specification and full particulars may be obtained by application to the Railway Head Office, Canton, on the deposit of \$100, which will be refunded on the submission of a bona fide tender.
Tender must be made in the form at the foot of the Specification, which must be returned undelivered.
The successful tenderer will be required to sign a formal contract and to furnish a Bank Guarantee of 10 per cent. of the value of the contract for the due and proper performance of the terms of such contract.
The Railway does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.
The Head Office,
CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY,
Chinese Section,
Canton, 14th April, 1932. [888]

CHINESE GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

CANTON-KOWLOON LINE.

(CHINESE SECTION).

WITH the approval of the Ministry of Communications, supplies of Portland Cement are hereby invited to submit sealed tenders in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "TENDERS FOR PORTLAND CEMENT" and addressed to the Managing Director, Canton-Kowloon Railway, Chinese Section, Canton, to the Railway Head Office, not later than 11 o'clock in the forenoon of MONDAY, the 5th day of MAY, 1932, for the supply of Portland Cement for a period of one year from 1st June, 1932, to 31st May, 1933.

Specification and full particulars may be obtained by application to the Railway Head Office, Canton, on the deposit of \$100, which will be refunded on the submission of a bona fide tender.
Tender must be made in the form at the foot of the Specification, which must be returned undelivered.
The successful tenderer will be required to sign a formal contract and to furnish a Bank Guarantee of 10 per cent. of the value of the contract for the due and proper performance of the terms of such contract.
A sample bag or barrel of the cement to be supplied under the contract, and which must conform to the British or American Standard Specification for Portland Cement, must be forwarded by the tenderer at the time of tendering.
The Railway does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.
The Head Office,
CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY,
Chinese Section,
Canton, 18th April, 1932. [872]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesday and Friday between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Gods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th April will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 25th May, or they will not be recognised. Consignees are urgently requested to make prompt arrangements for removing or storing Cargo. Failure to do so will result in congestion in the godowns, which will entail delay in the return of subsequent cargoes.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1932. [883]

EXPORTERS AND DEALERS ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of members of the Association of Exporters and Dealers of Hongkong was held at the City Hall yesterday afternoon. Mr. B. Monteith Webb presiding. The firms represented, and the names of their representatives were as follows:—Messrs. Bradley & Co. (Mr. T. W. Hill); Botoho Bros. (Mr. P. V. Botoho); H. A. Castro & Co. (Mr. H. A. Castro); Dodwell & Co., Ltd. (Mr. F. Syme Thompson); Gibb, Livingston & Co., Ltd. (Mr. J. H. Gordon); Holland China Trading Co. (Mr. A. W. Van Andel); Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (Mr. O. Eager); Maxim & Co. (Mr. A. Remedios); Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd. (Mr. T. Mizuno); Reiss & Co. (Messrs. J. H. Brister and P. Carvalho); J. M. da Rocha & Co. (Mr. A. D. Barretto); Pittendrigh, Rumjahn & Co., Ltd. (Messrs. C. Rumjahn and W. M. Pittendrigh); Rudolf, Wolff and Kew, Ltd. (Mr. C. H. W. Kew); David Sassoon & Co., Ltd. (Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith); Shawan Tomes & Co. (Mr. W. Adamson); Transmarina Trading Co. (Mr. D. H. Wechel); Union Trading Co., Ltd. (Messrs. S. M. Churn and J. C. Barretto); with the Secretary (Mr. D. K. Blair).

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting. Gentlemen.—The report and accounts, having been in your hands for some days, I will, with your permission, follow the usual procedure and take the same as read.

During the year under review your Committee lost the services, owing to their departure from the Colony, of Messrs. John Robertson and A. M. L. Soares, both of whom rendered valued assistance to the Association during their tenure of office.

Membership.—The membership of the Association has been fairly well maintained, and now stands at 54, i.e., 52 Europeans and 2 Chinese. The hope has frequently been expressed that more of our Chinese friends would join the Association but, for some reason or other, they refrain from coming into the fold.

Wood Oil.—During the year under review, supplies of Wood Oil from the West River have fallen off considerably, due to political disturbances in Kwangtung and Kwangsi, but the demand for this oil has continued, and it is practically the only article of South China produce that has not declined in price to the pre-war level. Naturally, the price obtainable for the oil exported from Hongkong is dependent upon the larger distributing markets of Hankow, but if Kwangsi could only be freed from the bands of pirates who infest the whole Province, leaving all kinds of exactions on the peaceful trader, there is no question but that South China Wood Oil could be obtained in large quantities and at more competitive prices; for, despite all prejudicial in the consuming markets, South China Wood Oil is for all practical purposes, just as suitable as the Hankow oil.

Public Sampling Godown.—This matter has again received the careful consideration of your Committee, as the result of a communication from, and subsequent meeting with, the Government Analyst, regarding which all members were duly circumscribed. There is not the slightest doubt but that such a Conditioning Godown as has been proposed would be of immense benefit to the Export trade of the Colony, and would receive general support were it not for the extra handling charges which the scheme would entail and which the Trade could hardly stand, especially in these days when the already extraordinarily high labour costs reduce returns to a minimum. I regret, therefore, that under the circumstances, the establishment of a Sampling Godown is, for the present at any rate, impracticable.

Cassia.—Numerous complaints have recently been made by American Buyers regarding the poor quality of deliveries, both of Saigon and Canton Cassias, and in a great many instances shippers have had to pay heavy claims. It is the practice of exporters here to inspect Saigon Cassia whilst in course of grading and packing in the premises of the Chinese dealers, and when shipments are passed it is very often found that the packages thus O.K'd, may remain in the dealer's godown for a few days before shipment. During the day time shippers may have their own men present to superintend the grading and packing, but during the night time there is little to prevent an unscrupulous dealer from changing the contents of the cases already passed for shipment and substituting either an inferior quality, or an inferior assortment (in the case of Saigon Cassia). I am assured that this substitution actually does take place, and it is more than probable that such dishonesty may be directly traced to the fact that the prices which the American importers are now prepared to pay are about half those paid ten to twelve years ago; based, of course, upon the relative first costs.

No doubt most of you have received copies of a circular letter distributed to the members of the American Spice Trade Association of New York. In this letter, shippers from this district are practically characterized as swindlers by reason of certain shipments having failed to come up to standard. Your Committee have addressed the American Spice Trade Association of New York regarding the allegations contained in the circular referred to, and have taken strong exception to the contents of such circular, pointing out that the remedy is entirely in the hands of the American buyers, who have forced prices down to a point at which it is well-nigh impossible to guarantee prime cargo.

Whilst this last statement refers to Cassia generally, it is particularly apposite with regard to the Canton article, and your Committee are in agreement with the opinion expressed by the American Spice Trade Association of New York that the fair average quality of Cassia shipped, both in rolls and broken, is possibly of an inferior quality, but the reason therefore is the same as in the case of Saigon Cassia, i.e., quality has undoubtedly been sacrificed to meet the limits set up by the American buyers, and until these are raised, there can hardly be any hope of improvement. It is admitted, of course, that there are reputable dealers who do their utmost to maintain full quality standards, but their position is rendered impossible, at times, by the beating-down tactics referred to, which let in less reliable dealers who are prepared to meet almost any price.

At the beginning of last year, we wrote to the Canton British Chamber of Commerce on the subject of regulations governing the terms of sale of Cassia, as agreed upon between the Canton Cassia Guild and the Canton British Chamber of Commerce, and in their reply they advised us that their Exports Sub-Committee was then in communication with the Canton Cassia Guild with a view to drawing up revised relations which, it was hoped, would be found satisfactory not only to the foreign buyers but also to the dealers, and that as soon as the revised regulations were agreed upon they would advise us. That, gentlemen, was over a year ago, and up to the present we have heard nothing further from them regarding this important matter, but I understand that it has so far been impossible to arrange terms which would be satisfactory to both sides. The matter is still receiving attention, however, and I hope a settlement may be reached before long.

Rice Shipment to U.S.A.—The Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce in his speech at the annual general meeting yesterday afternoon referred to this subject, and it is hardly necessary for me to add very much thereto. As you are all aware, our trade in this cereal with America suffered a considerable decline during 1921, as is evidenced by the figures supplied by the Imports and Exports Department in the returns for the years 1920 and 1921. During the former year, we exported 620,558 piculs to the United States, with a total value of \$2,001,810; whilst, during 1921 shipments amounted to 505,737 piculs, valued at \$245,458. This decline is mainly due to the Cuban embargo on imports of rice, which was only raised on 1st July, 1921, so that for fully six months we were unable to do anything with Cuba, even through an intermediary of our American friends. An interesting feature during the year was the general switching of the rice business to new York. During the war and for a couple of years after the conclusion of hostilities, San Francisco enjoyed the premier position as importer of Oriental rice, but, owing to the tremendous losses they suffered through Cuban rejections, many important rice firms in San Francisco have either ceased to exist, or are now only operating in this line on a comparatively small scale.

The quality of rice shipped from Hongkong during 1921 was, on the whole, fairly good; but we, nevertheless, had to deal with several complaints from American buyers which were carefully considered by your Rice Sub-Committee, and I think I can safely say that in nearly every instance the complaints were found to be either groundless, or entirely out of court owing to the neglect of the complainant to comply with even the elementary terms of the contract.

The thanks of the Association and of all Rice Exporters are due to your Rice Sub-Committee for the tremendous amount of time and work they have put in during the year in carrying out the various investigations, examining complaints, etc., placed before them. Inferior Gunny Bags.—The question of the use of inferior Gunny Bags in connection with rice exports has engaged the attention of your Committee, but, so far as I can gather, the quality of these bags has in no way improved, and unless something is done to remedy matters very soon there is a possible danger of a portion of the rice trade being diverted to Saigon and Bangkok where, I am assured, nothing but clean and absolutely new bags are used, both for inside and outside containers. At this point, so far as I have been able to ascertain, exporters as a rule merely stipulate in their contracts with the dealers that the rice is to be packed in double gunny bags, but in view of the very keen competition they have allowed dealers to so reduce the quality of the inner bag, that it has now almost ceased to be a bag at all. In the interest of all concerned, therefore, I would strongly recommend that steps be taken to put a stop to this, and a definite endeavour be made to secure the use of absolutely sound bags, both inner and outer.

I do not think I need dwell further on this matter, but before dismissing the subject, I would like to suggest to the Incoming Committee, that they should consult the Rice Surveyors appointed under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, and secure their considered views on this question of packing. Brister.—Complaints with regard to the quality of Brister, and the heavy claims which have had to be met from American buyers, have so completely despoiled the export trade to those markets as to render the business now done practically nil. An outlet, however, seems to have been found in Japan, and to a somewhat smaller extent in Australia, where, I am advised by the dealers, are much more tolerant. I am advised by the dealers that it is well-nigh impossible to guarantee prime cargo.

RETURN OF GERMANS TO THE COLONY. APPLICATIONS REFUSED.

The following paragraph is from the annual report of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce:—

The Government in its communication to the Chamber said it "does not wish to take any action not in accordance with the expressed opinion of the Chamber of Commerce with regard to the admission to Hongkong for business purposes of enemy aliens."

Applications by former enemy subjects to be allowed to resume business in the Colony were passed by the Government to the Chamber for a statement of views, and although your Committee's opinion in one particular instance was that His Excellency the Governor might very well use his own discretion, reference was made to our views as regards the general policy of admitting persons of enemy nationality, as outlined in a communication to the Secretary of State for the Colonies in 1917. Permission to reside in Hongkong was subsequently refused to applicants.

The applications in question were made by Mr. I. Ziesler, an Austrian, and Mr. Robert Arndt. The latter, before the war, was assistant manager of the Orient Tobacco Manufactory at Kowloon.

The application made on behalf of Mr. Arndt, who is a German subject, said: "Mr. Ziesler has been at Kowloon continuously for something like 12 years and desires to take some foreign leave but it is quite impossible for him to do so without obtaining a substitute to carry on in his absence and the only person who understands the business sufficiently to do so is; so we are informed, Mr. Arndt.

extremely difficult, if not impossible, to arrange for European supervision of the Brister during the dressing and packing processes, and until this condition changed, I am of the opinion that small claims can be attached to America and Great Britain in refusing to do business in South China Brister.

Trade Prospects.—So far in the present year, the trade of the Colony has met with many obstructions, notably the recent shipping strike, and the threatened strikes which this has left in its wake. Prospects for the balance of the year do not appear to be particularly bright at the moment, but I hope that the strike, both at Home and in America, may be promptly settled, and the Conference now being held at Genoa result in a distinct improvement in conditions existing in European countries. With the matters before that Conference satisfactorily settled, there should be a distinct improvement in trade conditions all over the world.

Accounts.—I do not know that there is very much to be said with regard to these, and I have no doubt you will consider same to be entirely satisfactory. I therefore beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as submitted, and after this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any question to the best of my ability.

Mr. A. D. Barretto said: It affords me much pleasure to second the adoption of the report and accounts as presented. I feel certain I am voicing the feelings of those present when I say that we greatly appreciate what you Sir and our Committee have done for this Association during the past year, which, as we all know, was a most trying one for all concerned in the export trade.

Being particularly interested in the rice trade I would like to say a few words in support of the Chairman's remarks when dealing with the question of inferior gunny bags. Your recommendation that steps should be taken to put a stop to the practice of the rice dealers in supplying inferior inner bags, would merit prompt and careful consideration on the part of all rice exporters, as I certainly think the time has come when concerted action should be taken with the object of compelling the dealers to supply us at least with clean and serviceable second-hand bags as inside containers.

I have here with me a sample of the kind of some of the inner bags now being returned from South Africa. Could a thing like this by any stretch of the imagination be called a gunny bag? (Mr. Barretto held up his specimen to the gaze of members.)

I venture to suggest that the rice exporters should get together and agree upon a certain standard and bind themselves not to accept anything inferior to the standard inner bag agreed upon and further that the Chamber of Commerce be requested to instruct their Rice Surveyors not to pass any shipments packed in containers inferior to the standard. Mr. Gordon proposed, and Mr. Kew seconded, that the following be elected to form the Committee:—

Mr. B. MONTEITH WEBB.
Mr. A. W. VAN ANDEL.
Mr. J. H. BRISTER.
Mr. P. V. BOTOHO.
Mr. S. M. CHURN.
Mr. O. EAGER.
Mr. T. W. HILL.
Mr. U. RUMJAHN.
Mr. VAN ANDEL proposed that Mr. A. D. Barretto's name be added. The Chairman seconded and the Committee was then elected as proposed, with that addition.

LOCAL LABOUR QUESTIONS. SETTLEMENT WITH NATIVE CRAFT LIGHTERMEN.

All through April with intervals rendered necessary by the visit of the Prince of Wales and by the Easter holidays, negotiations have been in progress between representatives appointed by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce and representatives of the workers concerned with regard to betterment of conditions of work amongst launchmen, stevedores, tally clerks, and native craft lightermen.

An agreement has now been reached with the native craft lightermen. In this case the request was not for an increase of wages but for amelioration of conditions of work. For instance, they asked for an increased scale of pay for night-work and for relief from exorbitant charges for towage into the typhoon refuges when danger signals were hoisted. The discussion was carried on, throughout, in the most amicable spirit and an agreement, in its final form, was signed yesterday. The following is the translation:—

A day's hire shall be from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m.; but should the work continue after 10 p.m., a quarter rate additional shall be paid up to 8 a.m. If any boat is engaged after 8 p.m. and works during the night, a day's hire shall be paid and no extra pay for night work shall be made in this case. Half a day's pay shall be paid for a boat engaged but not used.

A fraction of a day shall be paid for as a full day. When the black typhoon signal is hoisted, all boats under hire shall be towed to shelter at the expense of the hirer. Work resumed after the signal is lowered shall be at the rate agreed on when hired.

The above agreements may be waived by mutual consent of parties concerned. The questions at issue with the launchmen and crews of steam launches have not yet been settled. It has been found necessary to divide these workmen into two classes, one consisting of men whose launches are used for commercial purposes such as towage and the other class for men who are employed on launches used for pleasure purposes or for business purposes of a less strenuous character, such as carrying members of staffs to and from. It has been agreed that the first class—consisting principally of men employed by Chinese firms—was entitled to better pay, but that the others were already sufficiently well remunerated for their light work.

The men have reduced their original demands and now ask that the salary of those holding certificates be advanced by \$6 and those with no certificates, such as sailors and firemen, by \$5. The Chinese launch owners have acceded to the demand as regards men with certificates and have agreed to increase the salary of those without certificates by \$4. The European owners were willing to fix the minimum wages for No. 1 coxswains at \$25/6 No. 1 engineers at \$24, and men without certificates at \$14.

This offer is now being discussed by the men's guild.

FLAGRANT BREACH OF BUILDING REGULATIONS. WELL-KNOWN CHINESE SUMMONED BY THE P.W.D.

A King, the well-known Chinese motor-boat owner, was summoned before Mr. Lindsell at the Magistracy yesterday and charged with erecting a building at Causeway Bay at the junction of Whitfield, without the permission of the building authorities.

Mr. Grimes, of the Public Works Department, prosecuted. He said plans were submitted to the P.W.D. in October last, but they were disapproved. In spite of this, and of many letters of warning and verbal warnings, the defendant continued to build right up to the 4th of the present month. On the 13th inst. a summons was taken out. It was a flagrant case of disobeying the erection orders of the P.W.D. The cost of the building was at least \$10,000. He asked the Magistrate to impose the maximum penalty. He did not think the building was strong enough, and on several occasions he had told the defendant that he was not satisfied with the steel joists. Mr. Grimes asked the Magistrate to make out an order compelling the defendant to submit new plans within a certain period, failing which further action would be taken.

The defendant, who admitted the charge, said that new plans had been submitted on the previous day.

A fine of \$100 was imposed and the Magistrate made an order allowing the defendant to submit new plans.

We learn that a cablegram has been received by the local representatives of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society announcing the sudden death of the Rev. William Gaudie, one of the General Secretaries of that Society. The deceased was sixty-five years of age served as a missionary in South India from 1881 to 1904. In 1909 he was put in charge of the centenary celebrations of the Wesleyan Missionary Society and by his magnetic enthusiasm carried that movement to remarkable success. Subsequently, he was appointed General Secretary of the Society and has represented it at various interdenominational and international missionary gatherings. He was one of the best-known preachers in his denomination and had been elected President of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference for the present year. Passing away in the fullness of his activities he will be much missed not only in his own church but by many missionary workers of other denominations.

(Local Sport will be found on page 6.)

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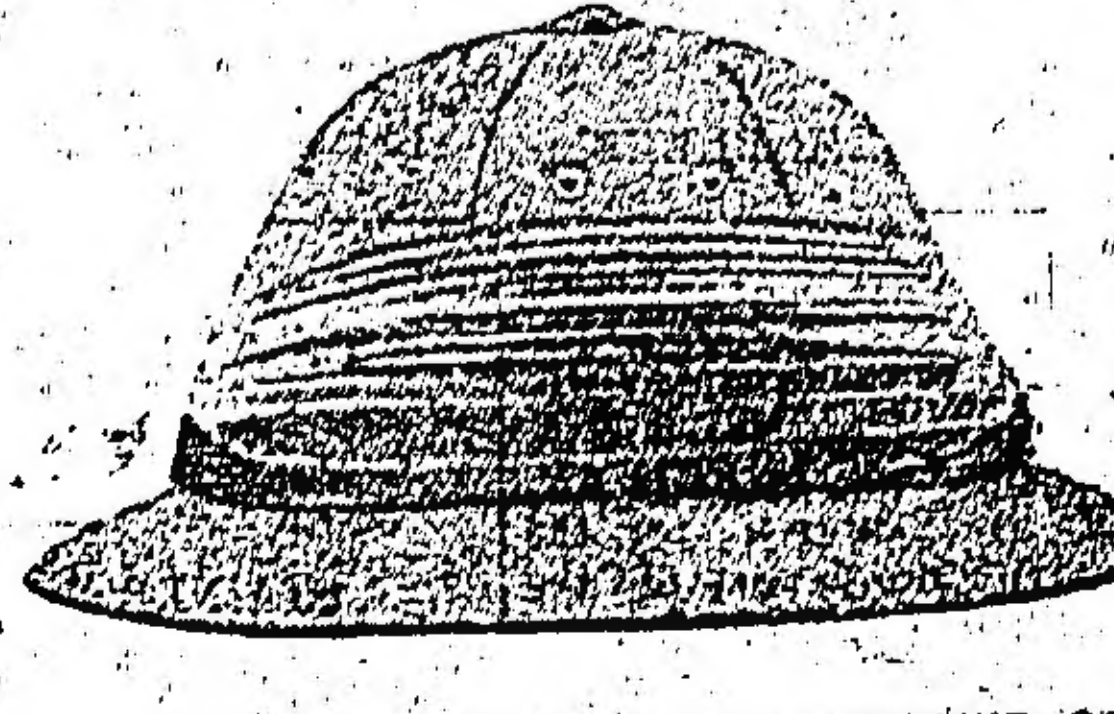
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE SPORTS.

THE MEMBERS of the St. Joseph's Association will be "AT HOME" to parents of scholars and friends of the College at the Race Course, on the occasion of the Seventh Annual Athletic Sports, TO-DAY SATURDAY, 22nd April, 1922.

J. P. BRAGA,
Honorary Secretary,
Sports Committee.

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NOTICE.

TESTS of New Fog Signalling apparatus will take place at the Government Workshop Wanchai near the 24th instant between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

(Sd.) T. L. PERKINS,
D. P. W.
Public Works Department.
Hongkong, April 21st, 1922. [593]

U. S. R. C.

COMING ATTRACTION.

THERE will be a "FAHCE" acted, preceded by a CONCERT, at the above Club on WEDNESDAY, May 10th at 9 p.m.

Band of 102nd K. E. O. Grenadiers. Entertainers engaged at enormous expense. All Star performers.

Tickets—Reserved seats \$2. Unreserved seats \$1, including light refreshments.

Open to Members, Subscribers and their friends. Seats can be booked and plan seen at U. S. R. C. on or after 1st May.

S. R. COATES, Major,
Hon. Secretary. [594]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 12th May, 1922, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1921, and of declaring Dividends, etc. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from April 25th to May 12th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1922. [595]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Society will be held at the Head Office of the Society, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the TWELFTH DAY of MAY, 1922, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, approving the draft new Articles of Association of the Society which will be submitted to the Meeting.

A print of such new Articles and a print of the existing Articles may be seen at the Society's Registered Office at Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings aforesaid. Should the Meeting approve of such new Articles with or without modification, the subject Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution, namely:—

"That the new Articles already approved by the Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof, be and the same are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Society to the exclusion of and in substitution for all the existing Articles thereof."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a SECOND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held at the Head Office of the Society, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings aforesaid, on FRIDAY, the NINTH DAY of JUNE, 1922, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Proceedings at the above mentioned Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution, the above mentioned Resolution.

Dated this 21st day of April, 1922.
By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager. [594]

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 & 4, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 12th May, 1922, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1921, and of declaring Dividends, etc. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from April 25th to May 12th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.
Hongkong, April 21st, 1922. [595]

INTIMATIONS

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 12th May, 1922, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statements of Account to 31st December, 1921, and of declaring Dividends, etc. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from April 25th to May 12th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1922. [597]

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Dated this 21st day of April, 1922.
By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager. [598]

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Dated this 21st day of April, 1922.
By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager. [596]

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE Second Gymkhana is fixed for SATURDAY, May 6th, 1922. Draft Programmes and Entry Forms may be obtained at Race Course, Hongkong Club, and Camanway Bay Stables.
Entries close TUESDAY, April 25th. [598]

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

STAINERS' "CRUCIFIXION,"

AND SELECTIONS FROM "THE MESSIAH"

will be rendered by a Choir of 50 Voices on

MONDAY APRIL 24TH, at 9 p.m.
Collection. [592]

INTIMATIONS

VERNON & SMYTH.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the business heretofore carried on by FRANK SMYTH as a Sharebroker under the style of VERNON & SMYTH has been taken over by ROBERT THOMAS MATHESON as from the 1st day of April, 1922, and that as from the 1st day of April, 1922, the said Frank Smyth ceased to be liable in any way in respect of the said business and that all liabilities of whatsoever nature incurred by the said Firm of Vernon & Smyth and from the 1st day of April, 1922 have been and will be incurred by the said Robert Thomas Matheson solely.

Dated the 26th day of April, 1922.
FRANK SMYTH,
ROBERT THOMAS MATHESON. [591]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

WE beg to announce the REMOVAL of our Office to No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL on the 18th April, 1922.
THE BANK OF CANSTON, LTD.
Hongkong, 17th April, 1922. [586]

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, on SATURDAY, 22nd April, 1922, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 28th February 1922, and electing Directors and Auditors. The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 22nd April, 1922, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
Agents.
Hongkong, 5th April, 1922. [784]

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, No. 6, Connaught Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th April, 1922, at 11.15 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1921 and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, 26th April, 1922, until WEDNESDAY, the 28th April, 1922, both days inclusive.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 15th April, 1922. [570]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

Action No. of 1922.

IN THE GOODS OF LEUNG KUN alias LEUNG PING KUN alias LEUNG YUET WA late of No. 26, Praya East Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong Lime Manufacturer deceased.

Between LAM LEUNG SHI alias LEUNG CHI NGOI Plaintiff
and
LEUNG WA HANG and LEUNG LUNG WA Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 11th day of April, 1922, Mr. JOHN HENNESSEY SETH of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong Accountant was appointed administrator pendente lite of the estate and effects of LEUNG KUN alias LEUNG PING KUN alias LEUNG YUET WA late of No. 26, Praya East, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong Lime Manufacturer deceased, the owner of the Wai San firm, and that no person except the said JOHN HENNESSEY SETH or persons authorised by him is empowered to sell or otherwise to deal with any part of the assets of the said deceased or the said firm including the lime made in the Wai San Factory in Ping Chau.

Dated this 12th day of April, 1922.
GEO. E. HALL BRUTON & CO.,
Solicitors for the Plaintiff. [580]

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on TUESDAY, the 25th April, 1922, at 3 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,

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THE PRICE OF AERIAL PROGRESS.

The deplorable disaster in which Sir Ross Smith lost his life, on the eve of an attempt to surpass the great achievement which earned for him his knighthood, irresistibly reminds us of certain other calamities in the recent history of air travel which have had the effect of deferring the realisation of the dreams of those who have been devoting their time and talent to the development of civil aviation.

A year ago they were expecting to see a regular trans-Atlantic airship service in operation by now, but the deplorable disaster last August when the largest airship yet built broke in two and fell in flames into the Humber, entailing the loss of 44 of her officers and crew, has indefinitely postponed such a service.

While the public is naturally fully informed of the accidents that occur from time to time, not many people realise the world-wide developments that are constantly going on in civil aviation. How many regular air services are now being maintained in the world we do not know, but their number is constantly increasing.

The latest figures of the civil aerial transport firms in Great Britain that are available to us show that for Great Britain and the Continental route 28,903 flights were made in 1920, representing a mileage totalling approximately 958,000.

The total number of accidents in these services in 1920 was 20. This works out approximately at 693 machines flights per accident. Disasters may have put temporary checks on rapid development, but they have also served to strengthen the resolve of technical experts to find the means by which similar disasters may be averted in the future.

Enough of confidence and the spirit of enterprise survives the shock of these lamentable occurrences to ensure that the air-services already inaugurated will be maintained and their number surely, if slowly, increased.

The object of the enterprise on which the late Sir Ross Smith and his brother were about to embark was intended to demonstrate the possibility

of travel by air round the world. The route chosen was by way of France, Italy, Egypt, Mesopotamia, the Persian Gulf, India, Burma, China, Japan, Kamchatka, Aleutian Islands, Alaska, Canada and Newfoundland, and then across the Atlantic either direct to Ireland, or via the Azores to Portugal and Spain.

The chief difficulty is flying the Pacific which has never yet been crossed by air. Sir Ross Smith had chosen the northern route via the Aleutian Islands as the best. The chief consideration in flying the Atlantic is that it is the longest stretch of open sea.

The plans were, therefore, laid to cross at the best time of year, in July. The whole flight was estimated to take three or four months. The actual flying time has been worked out as only 280 hours. The route had been divided into stages of 500 miles each and a spare engine had been sent to Tokyo, and another to Toronto.

The machine was a new Vickers "Viking" amphibian, fitted with a 450 h.p. Napier Lion engine. The late Sir Ross Smith was to have gone as pilot; his brother, Sir Keith Smith, as navigator and wireless operator; and Mr. Bennett as engineer.

The fact that the machine specially built for this round-the-world flight has been entirely wrecked and two of the three men selected to man it instantly killed, renders it highly improbable that a flight round the world such as they had contemplated will be undertaken by any one else for some time to come.

The late Sir Ross Smith, and his brother Sir Keith Smith were the first airmen to make the journey from England to Australia, and the honour of knighthood was conferred upon them in recognition of that remarkable feat.

In the history of aviation the feat which most nearly approaches the flight to Australia, is the flight from Rome to Tokyo accomplished by an Italian aviator in 1920. Within the past week the cables have been recording the progress of a flight by Portuguese aviators from Lisbon to South America—an attempt which has unhappily ended in the destruction of the aeroplane when nearing the destination, but the intrepid aviators fortunately escaped injury and are at present seeking a machine by which they may fulfil the object of their enterprise, which is to reach Rio de Janeiro.

In this they are emulating the example of the two South African aviators whose machine crashed at Bulawayo while they were on a flight from Brooklands to Cape Town, but they continued their flight in another and were awarded £25,000 by the Union Government to mark their achievement.

Accidents are incidental to most forms of locomotion, especially in their pioneer stage; they are the price of progress and development, and in spite of the lamentable disasters recorded in the recent history of aviation we cannot doubt that "to strive, to seek to find, and not to yield," until means of making the aeroplane as safe as a ship are found, will continue to be the motto of all interested in aerial development.

A Concert and a Farce are announced to be given at the United Services Recreation Club on May 10th.

Mr. F. R. Lamb, of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, left yesterday on transfer to Chungking as agent of the firm there.

Captain Evans, C.B., D.S.O. is announced to deliver a lecture on "The Dover Patrol" in St. Andrew's Church Hall next Friday evening.

The gate in the west wall of H.M. Dockyard, leading to Murray Road, hitherto known as the "Greasy Gate" has been re-named "Princes of Wales Gate" in commemoration of the recent visit of His Royal Highness.

We are asked to state that, through inadvertence, mention of the part played by Sir Robert Ho Tung in the settlement of the seamen's strike was omitted from the Chairman's speech at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday.

A Jumble Sale will be held in Union Church Hall, on Thursday, April 27th, at 3 p.m., proceeds in aid of the National Orphan Homes of Scotland (Quarriers). Contributions will be received at the Manse, Kennedy Road, up to day of sale.

Adv.—Mr. J. A. Fraser, of the Colonial Secretary's Office, took over the duties of Second Magistrate at the Magistracy, yesterday, from Mr. R. E. Lindsell, who replaces Mr. J. B. Wood, as First Magistrate.

Mr. Wood goes to the Supreme Court in the position of Acting Puisne Judge during the absence of Mr. H. H. J. Comports on leave.

The Chinese press states that the Germans are desirous of enjoying still closer relations with the Chinese. The newspapers state that the German Minister has informed them that students proceeding to Germany will be afforded special facilities on that account.

In a letter to the management of the Nikka Cotton Mill (Shanghai), the Pootung Weavers' Union justify a demand for more pay by saying that they ask only for a modest 20 per cent. increase. "We are hungry," the letter concludes, "and have no energy to talk any further."

A Northern Chinese newspaper states that the Diplomatic Corps has written a letter to the Peking Government drawing its attention to the fact that a *Ta Tou Hui* (Big Sword Society), has been formed by the country people of Honan. The aims of this society are said to be anti-foreign.

Members of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association are reminded of (1) the Second Annual Re-union Dinner which takes place this evening at 8 p.m. in the College Hall; (2) the Annual Cricket Match commencing at 2 p.m. this afternoon on the Chinese Recreation Club ground at Camanway Bay, where families and friends of members will be welcomed and tea will be served.—Adv.

Mr. M. L. Bailton, Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Football Association, has received a letter, dated February 24th, from Mr. Ian Fraser, chairman of St. Dunstan's Home for Blind Soldiers and Sailors, acknowledging with "very sincere and cordial thanks" the receipt of £21. 11s. 5d., proceeds of the charity matches played during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

A Hakka hawkler has reported that on Thursday, at 8.30 p.m., he was stopped in Gascoyne Road by five men armed with daggers. One of the robbers asked if he was a Hakka. The hawkler replied that he was. Two of the men then pointed daggers at his throat and another proceeded to strip him. His jacket was stolen as well as a police whistle, a bunch of keys and a purse containing \$21. On hearing footsteps approaching the robbers took to their heels.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, Mr. H. Goffe, C.M.G., H.M. Consul-General, drew attention to the need, greater now than ever before, of account of the economies made by putting river gunboats in reserve and the doubtful conditions of the future, of maintaining the full strength of the Volunteers. He expressed the hope that every able-bodied British subject in the port would come forward and join the Corps.

SMUGGLING CIGARETTES. "A PROPER SCOURGE." Of late there have been an unusually large number of dutiable cigarette cases brought before the Magistrate, and yesterday Chief Preventive Officer Clark told Mr. Fraser that the traffic in dutiable cigarettes was becoming "a proper scourge." A man, in whose pockets were found two tins of dutiable cigarettes, was found on further search, to have more tins under his arm-pits. In the ordinary course of events the man would have been reprimanded, said C.P.O. Clark, and "kicked" out of the office, but the find of the two further tins under his arms showed that he fully intended to deceive the Customs. The man, he said, should have known better, as he had once been in police employ.

The Magistrate ordered the man to be sent to goal for seven days. A passenger from Kowloon, who said he was a cobbler, was fined \$25 for bringing 3,580, dutiable cigarettes into the Colony. The cigarettes were hidden in two baskets, covered with cobbler's tools and leather.

LEAVING WITHOUT NOTICE. RICKSHAW COOLIE PROSECUTED. Mr. H. W. Epstein, of Kowloon, charged his private rickshaw-puller at the Magistracy, yesterday, with leaving his service without proper notice.

The rickshaw-puller, in reply to the charge, said that he informed the cook that he intended to leave as he wished to see his father who was ill.

Mr. Epstein told Mr. Fraser (the Magistrate) that the cook informed him of the rickshaw-puller's wish, and to prevent the man leaving before the stipulated time had him taken to the Water Police Station where he was warned of the consequences. That same night the rickshaw puller disappeared.

The defendant then told the Magistrate that his Master had deducted \$3 from his pay. He considered this a great injustice.

The Magistrate: You cannot take the law into your own hands.

A fine of \$3 was imposed.

BILLIARDS.

THE PALACE HOTEL HANDICAP.

In the first round of the Palace Hotel billiard handicap last night S. T. James (—50) defeated M. McCarthy (—25); the scores were James 250, McCarthy 132. The highest breaks were made by James 200 and 193, McCarthy (—500) beat W. S. Caff (—25), the final score being 200 and 193 respectively. The highest breaks were—Farries, 30, 22, 17, 17, 16, 15, 15; Caff, 17 and 14.

For Monday evening next F. E. Silva (—250) meets J. Loung (—150) and J. Fraser (—125) meets P. Hoffman (—125).

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SPORT.

LAWN TENNIS.

"YESTERDAY'S MATCH."

M. W. Lo, who defeated S. A. Rumjahn on Wednesday by three sets to two in the third round of the Open Championship Singles met O. Rumjahn, a brother of "S.A.," in the semi-final of the same competition yesterday. The match aroused a great deal of interest, and before the commencement of play the speculations were all in favour of Lo. On previous match Lo, O. Rumjahn has not shown up nearly so well as his brother "S.A." and on this alone it was anticipated that Lo would have an easier time than on the former occasion. The match opened with a double game, which went to Lo, the second, a love set, which was won by Lo. It was noticed that early on Lo was forcing his opponent right back from the base line and then scoring with a smash shot. Most of his points were gained on this principle. Rumjahn was at times slow in following the ball. Rumjahn's service was good as were also his back hand strokes, but Lo continued to press and brought the score to 3-2. Lo won the set 6-2. On the first set it was apparent that Lo was the runner-up (Lo) would win the match easily unless Rumjahn changed his tactics.

The second set opened with a game to each player, both players getting in good shots. Rumjahn made the pace and claimed the next three games. At this stage Rumjahn was working closer to the net. This change in his play paid. By brilliant back-hand play he also won the next two games which gave him a very decisive set-lead.

Lo opened the third set well, winning the first three games. In the third game which was won after deuce had been reached, there was a splendid rally at close quarters, which brought forth a loud round of applause. Rumjahn was losing ground badly and missed some easy shots. Lo followed up his lead and won the remaining three games which gave him a love set and the advantage of two sets to one.

As in the second set the fourth set opened one game all. The third game, after seven deuces had been called, went to Lo. Both players gave a very fine exhibition in this game. Amidst great excitement and much applause Rumjahn won the set. This made the games two sets all.

There was no doubt about the final set. Lo scored freely, beating his opponent time and again with perfectly placed smashes. Rumjahn failed to win a game. The set and the match went to Lo.

His win was a deserving one and only now and again did Rumjahn do anything brilliant, though his backhand drives right through the match were great, otherwise he had no variety of play to fall back on.

The scores were:—
(Games 23-12).
One other match was played off as follows:—
Handicap Singles "A"—A. Brearley (17/8) beat J. B. Penman (15/3), 6-5, 3-6, 6-3.

FOOTBALL.

CLOSING MATCHES.

The following games have been arranged to take place on the Club ground to-day:—

HONGKONG LEAGUE.
Division I. Kick-off 4.30 p.m.
Replay for Championship.—Hongkong Club v. H.M.S. Curlew.

Division II. Kick-off 3 p.m.
Curlew Reserves (winners) v. King's Reserves (runners-up).

The teams:—
Club.—G. Rodger; Gerrard and Lawrence; Tolfer, Stewart and McPhail (capt.); McFavish, Forsyth, Begg, Kuhr and England.
Curlew.—Hardy; Wetherby and Hooper; Dash, Wilson (capt.); Griffiths; Taylor, Dyer, South, Cook and Lamb.

Referee: Mr. Smith. Linesmen: Williams (R.G.A.) and Holland (Police).

Curlew Reserves.—Hindie; Robinson and Fenn; Bloomfield, Hare and Haywood; Anderson, Riley, Hender, Knowles and Mitchell.

King's Reserves.—Blanco; Banks and Griffiths; Moran, Connolly and Barrett; Hill, Croft, Jones, Hart and Williams.

The Senior game is expected to be evenly contested, while a win for the Club will not come as a surprise. The Curlew are unlucky to lose Cleaves, who has played a sound game at back throughout the season. He played in the Services match on Monday last and left for home during the week. Wetherby comes into the side after several weeks' absence owing to an injured knee, and in his usual form he will put up a sound defence. He was out against the Club in their match on Navy "B" ground and was over the half way line when England left him standing and scored for the Club. He has probably learnt a lesson and will keep the Club winger in front of him in this match. The Club consider they have a good chance, but their defence will require a little stiffening or they will find the Curlew wing men through.

They have little to fear from the sailors' centre forward for no doubt "Jimmy" Stewart will keep him covered, while "Capt." Wilson will see to Begg. Should the teams be equal at the end of time the management has decided that 15 minutes each way will be played, owing to the Curlew leaving early next week.

The game is a replay for the League Championship as the teams have topped the League with 23 points each. Today finishing with 28 and South China with 27.

The game in Division II is an exhibition game between the winners and runners-up. These teams have only met once before and then the sailors got home by one goal to nil, just on time, when they scored from a penalty. The sailors top

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VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

A very pleasing ceremony took place at the Victoria Recreation Club yesterday afternoon when the cups and prizes won during the past season and at the recent Victoria Regatta were presented by Mrs. Claud Severn to the winners in the presence of a number of members and their friends. Afternoon tea was served in the dance-room, where the numerous trophies were placed on exhibition and were much admired. Amongst those present were the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies), the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn and Mrs. Severn.

At the conclusion of the prize presentation, the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, thanked the Committee for asking Mrs. Severn to present the cups and prizes won during the Regatta. It had given Mrs. Severn great pleasure to do so. They had a very fine Regatta, especially on the Monday. The races were excellent and he was glad to say that the race for the Chairman's Challenge Cup was one of the best of the Regatta. He then thanked H.E. Sir Reginald Stubbs, H.E. Sir John Fowler, Sir Paul Chater, Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Lusitano Club, the Hongkong Stock Exchange, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Mr. D. K. Blair, Mr. Smyth, Mr. James Smith and Mr. G. Tiran for prize donations. Their best thanks were also due to Mr. R. M. Dyer for the loan of the launch, both during the rowing season for Scratch Regattas and also for the Victoria Regatta. He also wished to thank Mr. Behlles for placing his magnificent yacht—the *Duygen Wen* at the disposal of the committee—(Applause.) She formed an excellent flag ship and those who boarded her were right royally received. Thanks were also due to Capt. Rice and his crew for their assistance throughout the regatta. Amongst others who deserved their thanks was Mr. D. K. Blair who managed all the sailing events with such great success. Referring to Mr. Wittchell, the hon. secretary of the Club, the speaker paid a special tribute of thanks. The time, at his disposal, he said, was too short to enumerate all that Mr. Wittchell had done for the Club. Mr. Wittchell had due to go home shortly and the Club would have to carry on during his absence.

In conclusion the speaker said "they had a most successful season both in and on the water. He hoped the next season would be equally successful. (Cheers.)"

Mr. Wittchell after returning thanks called for cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Severn. Three cheers were also given for Sir William Rees Davies.

This concluded the ceremony and dancing was indulged in by members and friends for the space of half an hour or so when the proceedings closed.

The following is a list of the prizes won during the season and at the Victoria Regatta:—

International Challenge Cup, presented by Hongkong Stock Exchange.—Won by H.M.S. Curlew. Lieut. Clariage (str.), Lieut. Buckle (3), Lieut. Galpin (2), Lieut. Stephens (bow), Wemyss (cox).

Tub sculling (juniors), won by Shalabano.

Naval whalers, won by H.M.S. *Hawkins* stokers; second H.M.S. *Furze*.

Ho Tung Challenge Cup, prizes presented by Sir Robert Ho Tung.—Won by A. P. and Telegraph Coy. B. J. de H. Moore (str.), G. Morgenson (3), J. Norgaard (2), G. May (bow), A. E. Simmons (cox).

Tub sculling (seniors):—Won by I. Ignatieff.

Naval cutters: First H.M.S. *Carlisle*, second H.M.S. *Cairn*.

Chairman's Challenge Cup, (prizes presented by the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G. Chairman), won by H. Dreyer (str.), J. Norgaard (3), O. Earnshaw (2), A. H. Mason (bow), A. H. Carroll (cox).

Lusitano Cup, (prizes presented by members of the Lusitano Club).—Won by H. Dreyer (str.), G. Tiran (3), G. Morgenson (2), G. May (bow), A. H. Carroll (cox).

Chinese Challenge Cup (prizes presented by Chinese General Chamber of Commerce), won by Earnshaw (str.), A. H. Mason (3), G. Jack (2), F. Tonochy (bow), G. May (cox).

Brown's Challenge Cup (prizes presented by H.E. Sir John Fowler), won by 87th Co., R.G.A.

Senior Pairs (prizes presented by H.E. Sir R. E. Stubbs), won by B. and de H. Moore (str.), Norgaard (bow), A. E. Simmons (cox).

Officers' Skills (prizes presented by Sir Paul Chater), won by H.M.S. Curlew.

Junior Pairs (prizes presented by Sir Paul Chater), won by C. Earnshaw (str.), N. Shalabano (bow), G. May (cox).

Mixed Fours (prizes presented by Mr. James Smith), A. H. Carroll (str.), B. J. de H. Moore (3), Miss Marsh (2), Miss Emma Cornell (bow), Miss E. Simmons (cox).

Sailing Boat-boys' Race, Saturday, (prize presented by Mr. D. K. Blair), An Kam, Ursula, Lee Sui, Gale, Chin Cheong, Ursula, Monday, Ah Kam, Ursula, Ah Kow, Halcyn, Lee Cheung, Cleopatra.

Senior Sculls second scratch race (prize presented by Mr. G. Tiran), I. Ignatieff.

Highest Aggregate (the highest number of wins during the season), presented by the Club, G. May 22 points, C. Earnshaw 18, G. Morgenson 16 points.

the division with 25 points, the King's coming next with 23, and South China "A" with 21.

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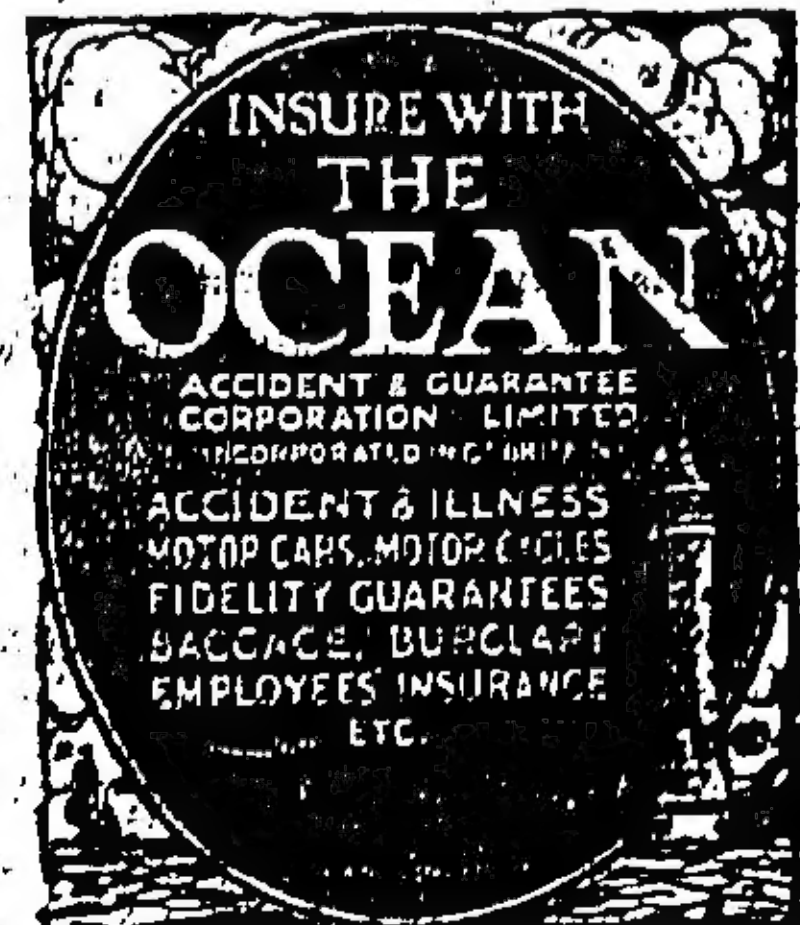
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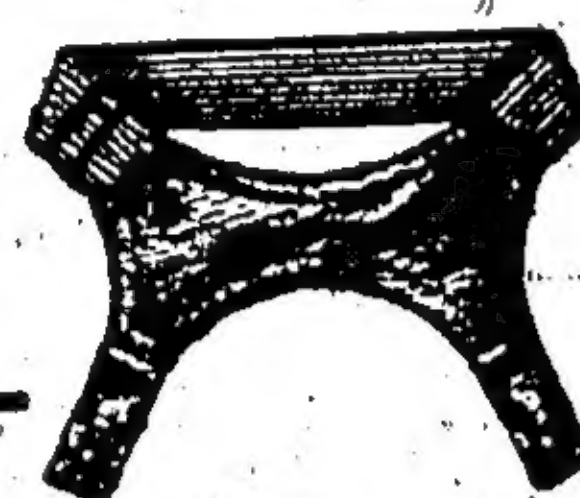


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SCOTTISH LETTER. PROFESSOR CAIRNS FOR CHINA.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, March 8th. The situation in China continues chaotic, the military spirit being dominant and lawlessness still common (says the *Record* of the United Free Church of Scotland). There are, however, certain unifying influences at work, and those who know the conditions given us every ground for hope. The future of the country lies in the hands of the educated, and especially with the students. But there is a danger here; a "new thought" movement has taken hold of the younger inquiring minds and is subjecting all the standards of life to criticism and question. Among missionaries a strong feeling prevails that it would be useful to have a visit from one like Professor Cairns who is in such intimate touch and sympathy with students, and he is going to be asked to consider the possibility of going to Peking.

MANCHURIAN DEPUTIES. The deputies to Manchuria have left Scotland (says the *Record*). They comprise Dr. Webster, who revisits Manchuria after an absence of twelve years, the Rev. K. I. MacIver, Dundee, and Mr. Hope Robertson, Glasgow, who is also visiting India on the way. They are to report on all matters affecting the well-being of the mission in Manchuria. The cost of Mr. MacIver's journey is being met out with the Foreign Mission Committee, and Mr. Hope Robertson is making the trip at his own expense. Mrs. Webster accompanies her husband.

A BORN SOLDIER. Captain Allan Gibb, D.S.O., D.C.M., who lost his life in Somaliland, was born in Edinburgh 44 years ago, was apprenticed to a firm of gunmakers, and joined the Army at the age of 20. Shortly afterwards he was in Somaliland, taking part in the first campaign in command of machine-guns, with the rank of sergeant-major. He was in all the long and arduous campaigns against the Mad Mullah. When a Protectorate force was raised he was present at practically all the engagements, and commanded the native levies in the army which eventually overcame the Mad Mullah. The six clasps of his African General Service Medal are probably unique; it is doubtful whether any other white man wore so many. He was mentioned in despatches in every campaign in which he took part.

A NOVEL HONEYMOON. The crossing of Portuguese Africa from west to east is to be the honeymoon trip of the young Scottish bride Mrs. J. C. B. Statham, eldest daughter of Mr. F. A. MacQuisten, K.C., M.P., for one of the Glasgow Divisions, and wife of Colonel J. C. B. Statham, C.M.G., the well-known big game hunter, late of the Royal Army Medical Corps. Mrs. Statham, who was married last month in Edinburgh, will accompany her husband on a great trek by ox-wagon across Angola, Portuguese West Africa, to the Victoria Falls. Thence Colonel and Mrs. Statham will probably proceed through Rhodesia and Portuguese East Africa to the coast. In this event Mrs. Statham will, it is believed, be the first white woman to have traversed Africa from West to East.

Mrs. Statham is not yet 21, and is greatly looking forward to the trip which, as her husband admits, was of her own suggestion. They had planned, he says, to go to Barmouth, where he once spent several exciting months hunting game; but Mrs. Statham was so interested in her husband's account of his recent journey to Angola after big game, described in his book "Through Angola," that she proposed Angola for the honeymoon.

Mrs. Statham declares that she is very strong. All her life she has been fond of the open air. At St. Leonard's School, St. Andrews, where she was educated, she played hockey, lacrosse, cricket, lawn tennis, and even, and in the holidays had often done walks of 15 miles in the Pentlands near Edinburgh.

THE BRITISH GOLF TEAM FOR AMERICA. The Golf Championship Committee were unanimous in their decision to accept the invitation to send a representative team to America. The only difficulty standing in the way is the financial one, but American hospitality being what it is, the bill will not be such a formidable one as at the first thought it might seem to be. The Committee are at once to invite subscriptions towards a fund to send over a British team. It is a great opportunity for clubs and for golfers generally to do something in return for all St. Andrews has done for them. The government of the game costs golfers nothing. The members of the Championship Committee pay their own travelling and hotel expenses, and the bill for the running of the Championships is footed by the Royal and Ancient Club. Here then is a good chance for golfers to do something towards discharging a long-standing debt. Besides, the good name of British golf demands it. We have a score to settle with America in amateur as well as in professional golf. Whether or not there is a Britain v. America international at Prestwick, we have to send a team to beat America's best on their own ground before we have wiped off the ignominy of one particular day at Hoylake. And we have the men if they can find the time to go.

Team-building in golf, as in other sports, reveals great differences in public opinion. But there are three names one could scarcely leave out of the team—W. I. Hunter, the Amateur Champion, who has now returned from America; Roger Wethered, for his great performances of last year; and Cyril Tilly, perhaps the greatest match player that we have. As to the others, a great deal will depend on the light which Prestwick throws on the problem. Scottish golfers with strong claims include J. L. C. Jenkins, Alexander Armour, W. B. Torrance, G. C. Mauford, Gordon Simpson, and Harry Brind. On present form, E. C. Carter, Irish Close

Champion, would be hard to exclude, and of English players, apart from the two young Oxonians mentioned, there are J. E. W. E. Holderness, C. V. L. Hoovan, R. H. de Montmorency, and Bernard Darwin. Out of these names a team could be selected which would very worthily represent the golfing strength of this country, and whose appearance in the American Amateur Championship would impart to that event an interest it has never held for us.

G.B.A. AND HIS 24,000 A YEAR. Mr. Bernard Shaw's recent letter to the Labour Party in West Edinburgh in which he said that he might consider standing for Parliament in their interests if he were guaranteed 24,000 a year leads one to ask why he wants so large an income. He doesn't smoke or drink or purchase butcher meat; we have never heard of his betting; he dresses inexpensively; and he has no children to educate or provide for. Why then does he want all this money?

PERSONALIA. It is officially announced that Mr. Charles D. Murray, C.M.G., K.C., M.P., Solicitor-General for Scotland, has been appointed Lord Advocate in succession to Mr. T. H. Morrison, who a few days ago was raised to the Scottish Bench. Mr. Mackenzie Livingstone, the Aquithian candidate for Inverness, is anxious to let it be known that he is not a Londoner. He is the son of a crofter, is the secretary of the Scottish Home Rule Association in London, and is a director of the Scottish Corporation. "I want to make it perfectly clear," he says, "that there is nothing English about me."

MISCELLANEA. Colonel Walter Scott, of New York, has presented the Vernacular Circle of the Burns Club of London with 1,000 dollars to establish in Scotland a prize or prizes for the encouragement of the use of the vernacular language of Lowland Scotland. Kenneth House, the Chalmersham residence of the Balfours of Burleigh has been closed since the death of the late Lord Balfour. The present Peer does not intend to reopen it until taxation is reduced and the outlook becomes more cheerful for landed noblemen.

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AGRICULTURE AND ART. Mr. Tom Hunt, E.S.W., has been telling a number of stories at the Glasgow Business Men's Club. One was about an artist in Arran who called the attention of a farmer companion to the beauty of a corn field set against a sapphire sea. "Aye," assented the agriculturist, "it'll look fine when it's stacked." "But surely it is beautiful even now?" objected the artist. A stern and disapproving eye was cast upon him. "Aye, you're a painter; I was thinking that. Well, let me tell ye that in my opinion horse racing and gambling and penning a gang the gither!"

In another story the dramatic personae were also a farmer and an artist. After watching the development of a sketch for some time, the farmer remarked, "Ye'll be a painter?" "Yes," "Aye," added the farmer dryly, "I've heard o' you fellas; ye'll never be well off till ye're dead!"

MARRIAGE. At Westbourne U.F. Church, James R.C. Greenlees, D.S.O., M.B., B.C., 6 Buckingham Terrace, Glasgow, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Greenlees, Glasgow, to Allison Hope, only daughter of Sir John T. Cargill, Bart., and Lady Cargill, of 10 Lowther Terrace, Glasgow, and Ard-na-Coille, Newtonmore, Invernesshire, and of Burma.

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HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"TAKSANG"	Thursday	27th April	Noon
YOKOHAMA via MOJI & KOBE	"CHIPSANG"	Friday	28th April	Noon
YOKOHAMA via MOJI & KOBE	"FOOKSANG"	Friday	28th April	3 p.m.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Saturday	29th April	Noon
SANDAKAN	"YUSANG"	Saturday	29th April	Noon
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